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Dear Congressman Montgomery:

I have just finished watching a fascinating program on NBC-TV about Raoul Wallenberg, who was the Swedish ambassador to Hungary during the Second World War, and who used his position to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent people from the Nazi death camps. If, as I assume, it was shown in Washington, I hope you were able to take the time to see it also, although I realize your busy schedule does not permit much time for TV watching.

It is my understanding that Mr. Wallenberg, a few years ago, was declared a citizen of the United States, by the Congress, which gives us the right to take necessary actions to protect his safety and well-being, and to inquire about him.

I live alone, and I have an extra bedroom. I decided tonight that as soon as he is released, I will write to him and invite him to come and stay with me. Therefore, in what I am about to ask you, I want you to consider Mr. Wallenberg as one of your constituents.

As the program showed, at the end of the war, Mr. Wallenberg was being escorted to what he thought was to be a diplomatic meeting with the Russians, who had just "liberated" (?) Hungary. Instead, the Russians arrested him and put him in jail, where he remains to this day. There are many reports by people who have

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ultimate irony that the Nazi butchers, who were murdering millions of innocent civilians, respected Mr. Wallenbourg's diplomatic status and even his adroit use of Swedish passports to save Jewish people off of <sup>the death</sup> trains, but the Russians -- the supposed "liberators" -- treated him like a criminal, in violation of the Geneva convention, and many <sup>other</sup> international laws.) But this case is <sup>far</sup> more than a mere curiosity of history.

Raoul Wallenbourg, now aged 72, by act of Congress an American citizen, and by my hospitality now a citizen of Jones County, is being held in a Soviet prison, without any cause whatsoever. This is intolerable.

The Russians, in typical fashion, have said that Mr. Wallenbourg died in 1947. THIS IS A FLAT OUT LIE. He has been seen alive by numerous people, in Russia, fairly recently.

I would like for you, as soon as you can, to make formal inquiries with the Secretary of State and find out whether anything is being done to effect ~~the~~ the release of our fellow citizen, and if not, then I hope you will raise hell about this and demand some immediate action to get this wonderful man out of jail.

I want you to know how much I respect you and am proud of the fine job you are doing in Washington. With all kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

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